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156 The Vepsian character. The Vepsians are, in comparison with their neighbors, the Russians and Karelians, uncommunicative, re-
[607] served and less friendly. Kettunen on his field trip to Vepse was sometimes refused lodging for the night on the ground that life was very hard. The Russians, however, received him very kindly and offered him whatever they had. Kettunen further failed to find in the Vepsians' character the sincerity which is so characteristic of the Karelians.

The Russian authors praise the honesty and disinterestedness of the Vepsians, wondering that they can manage without locks and can charge strangers so little for a night's lodgings. But the first World War and the years of revolution following it have had, in this as well as in other respects, an adverse influence upon them.

• 837 Of the moral level of the Vepsians certain negative observations have been made. The faithfulness of married women has been found to be faltering and the number of children born outside of marriage great.

000 Way of life. According to all descriptions